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PLAGUE-PREVENTION WORK.

PLAGUE-INFECTED SQUIRRELS FOUND.

During the week ended May 18, 1912, positive diagnosis of plague was made in 23 ground squirrels collected in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, Cal. The squirrels were found as follows: In Alameda County, May 7, 1 squirrel; May 8, 1 squirrel; May 9, 3 squirrels; in Contra Costa County, May 7, 3 squirrels; May 8, 11 squirrels; May 10, 1 squirrel; May 11, 2 squirrels; May 13, 1 squirrel.

DISTRIBUTION OF POISON.

In connection with the making and maintenance of a squirrel-free zone around the cities of California on San Francisco Bay, 7,293 acres of land in Alameda County were covered with poison during the week ended May 18, 1912.

RECORD OF PLAGUE INFECTION.

Places.	Date of last case of human plague.	Date of last case of rat plague.	Date of last case of squirrel plague.	Total number of rodents found infected since May, 1907.
California:				
Cities—				
San Francisco.....	Jan. 30, 1908.....	Oct. 23, 1908.....	None.....	398 rats.
Oakland.....	Aug. 9, 1911.....	Dec. 1, 1908.....	do.....	126 rats.
Berkeley.....	Aug. 27, 1907.....	None.....	do.....	None.
Los Angeles.....	Aug. 11, 1908.....	do.....	Aug. 21, 1908.....	1 squirrel.
Counties—				
Alameda (exclusive of Oakland and Berkeley).	Sept. 26, 1909.....	Wood rat, Oct. 17, 1909.	May 9, 1912.....	211 squirrels and 1 wood rat.
Contra Costa.....	July 21, 1911.....	None.....	May 13, 1912.....	382 squirrels.
Fresno.....	None.....	do.....	Oct. 27, 1911.....	1 squirrel.
Merced.....	do.....	do.....	July 13, 1911.....	5 squirrels.
Monterey.....	do.....	do.....	Aug. 6, 1911.....	Do.
San Benito.....	June 5, 1910.....	do.....	June 8, 1911.....	22 squirrels.
San Joaquin.....	Sept. 18, 1911.....	do.....	Aug. 26, 1911.....	18 squirrels.
San Luis Obispo.....	None.....	do.....	Jan. 29, 1910.....	1 squirrel.
Santa Clara.....	Aug. 23, 1910.....	do.....	Oct. 5, 1910.....	23 squirrels.
Santa Cruz.....	None.....	do.....	May 17, 1910.....	3 squirrels.
Stanislaus.....	do.....	do.....	June 2, 1911.....	13 squirrels.
Washington:				
Cities—				
Seattle.....	Oct. 30, 1907.....	Sept. 21, 1911.....	None.....	25 rats.

RATS COLLECTED AND EXAMINED FOR PLAGUE INFECTION.

Places.	Week ended—	Found dead.	Total collected.	Examined.	Found infected
California:					
Cities—					
Berkeley.....	May 18, 1912		¹ 179	128	
Oakland.....	do.....	34	² 771	596	
San Francisco.....	do.....	8	³ 1,655	1,326	
Washington:					
City—					
Seattle.....	do.....		923	871	

¹ Identified: *Mus norvegicus*, 128; *Mus musculus*, 51.² Identified: *Mus norvegicus*, 626; *Mus rattus*, 2; *Mus musculus*, 141; *Mus alexandrinus*, 2.³ Identified: *Mus norvegicus*, 908; *Mus rattus*, 200; *Mus musculus*, 329; *Mus alexandrinus*, 218.**SQUIRRELS COLLECTED AND EXAMINED FOR PLAGUE INFECTION.**

During the week ended May 18, 1912, 321 ground squirrels collected in Alameda County and 2,398 collected in Contra Costa County, Cal., were examined for plague infection. Five from Alameda County and 18 from Contra Costa County were found to be plague infected.

CEREBROSPINAL MENINGITIS.**CASES AND DEATHS REPORTED BY CITY HEALTH AUTHORITIES FOR THE WEEK ENDED JUNE 8, 1912.**

City.	Cases.	Deaths.	City.	Cases.	Deaths.
Boston, Mass.....	27	2	New York, N. Y.....	13	3
Chicago, Ill.....	2	1	Oklahoma, Okla.....	1	1
Houston, Tex.....	1		Omaha, Nebr.....	1	
Kansas City, Mo.....	2	3	Philadelphia, Pa.....	1	1
Los Angeles, Cal.....	1	1	Providence, R. I.....	1	
New Bedford, Mass.....	1		St. Louis, Mo.....	2	
New Orleans, La.....	1	1			

ERYSIPELAS.**CASES AND DEATHS REPORTED BY CITY HEALTH AUTHORITIES FOR THE WEEK ENDED JUNE 8, 1912.**

Cities.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cities.	Cases.	Deaths.
Ann Arbor, Mich.....	2		New York, N. Y.....	21	11
Baltimore, Md.....		1	Omaha, Nebr.....	2	
Boston, Mass.....	2	2	Philadelphia, Pa.....	7	1
Bridgeport, Conn.....	1		Pittsburgh, Pa.....	4	
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	2		Plainfield, N. J.....	2	
Cleveland, Ohio.....	9	1	Providence, R. I.....		1
Everett, Mass.....		1	Rutland, Vt.....	1	
Hartford, Conn.....	1		St. Louis, Mo.....	7	
Kalamazoo, Mich.....	1		Taunton, Mass.....		1
Los Angeles, Cal.....	2		Wheeling, W. Va.....	1	
Milwaukee, Wis.....	2		Williamsport, Pa.....	1	
Newcastle, Pa.....	1		Zanesville, Ohio.....		1

PELLAGRA.

During the week ended June 8, 1912, 3 deaths from pellagra were reported at Houston, Tex., and 1 at Montgomery, Ala.